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Federal Opportunities

Comprehensive School Reform Quality Initiatives.

The Department of Education (DOED) announces funds to support activities in the following categories: 1) technical assistance in making informed decisions and 2) model development and capacity building. Eligible applicants include public or private organizations that provide education or related services. The deadline for applications is May 5, 2003. An optional "Notification of Intent to Apply for Funding" is due by April 7, 2003, to the following address: Irene.harwarth@ed.gov. Approximately \$7 million is available to award 2-4 awards. For further information, contact Dr. Irene Harwarth at (202) 401-3751, Irene.harwarth@ed.gov, or see: www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister.

Recreational Program. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds for recreational programs providing individuals with disabilities recreational activities and related experiences to aid in their employment, mobility, socialization, independence and community integration. Eligible applicants include States, public agencies, and nonprofit private organizations. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2003. Approximately \$985,779 is available to fund 8 awards ranging from \$130,000-\$140,000. For further information, contact Mary E. Chambers at (202) 205-8435 or see: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html>.

Smaller Learning Communities Program. *The Department of Education (DOED)/Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE)* announces funds to support planning and implementation or expansion of small, safe, and successful learning environments in large public high schools. Eligible

applicants include local educational agencies (LEA). The deadline for applications is May 19, 2003. Approximately \$135 million is available. For further information contact Karen Stratman Clark at (202) 205-3779 or see: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE/HS/SLCP>. This grant program is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under Executive Order 12372.

Targeted Capacity Expansion Program for Substance Abuse Treatment and HIV/AIDS Services (TCE/HIV).

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announces funds to enhance and expand substance abuse treatment and/or outreach and pretreatment services in conjunction with HIV/AIDS services in African American, Latino/Hispanic, and/or other racial or ethnic communities highly affected by the twin epidemics of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. Eligible applicants include nonprofit community-based organizations, national organizations, colleges and universities, clinics and hospitals, research institutions, State and local government agencies, and faith-based organizations. The deadline for applications is May 23, 2003. Approximately \$16 million is available to fund up to 32 awards; grant awards will not exceed \$500,000. For questions on program issues, contact David C. Thompson, Division of Services Improvement, CSAT/SAMHSA, at (301) 443-6523 or dthompso@samhsa.gov; for questions on grants management issues, contact Stephen Hudak, Division of Grants Management, OPS, SAMHSA, at (301) 443-9666 or shudak@samhsa.gov; or see: www.samhsa.gov/grants/content/2003.ti03008_tcehiv_tx.htm. This grant program is subject to

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Technology Opportunities Program (TOP). *The Department of Commerce (DOC)/National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)* announces funds to spur innovation, encourage competition, help create jobs and provide consumers with more choices and better quality telecommunications products and services at lower prices. Eligible applicants include faith-based organizations, nonprofit community-based organizations, nonprofit health care providers, schools, libraries, museums, universities, public safety providers, State and local government entities. The deadline for applications is April 23, 2003. Approximately \$12.4 million is available to fund 25 awards ranging from \$350,000-\$700,000. For further information, contact Lamot du Pont at (202) 482-2048 or top@ntia.doc.gov; or see: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-6233.htm>.

District Opportunities

FY 2003 Enhanced Education Through Technology. *DC Public Schools (DCPS)/State Education Agency (SEA)* is soliciting applications to develop a program to ensure that all students are prepared to live and work in an increasingly technological society. Funding is provided to accelerate the implementation of the statewide educational technology plan thereby allowing the local educational agency (LEA) to integrate technology fully into school curricula, so that all students become technologically literate. Eligible applicants are high-need districts or eligible local partnerships that include high-need districts on a competitive basis. Under the Educational Technology State Grants Program, high-need districts are those that (1) are high-poverty and (2) serve at least one low-performing school or have a substantial need for technology. School districts include DCPS (LEA) and Public Charter Schools approved for operation in the 2002-2003 school year. Individual DC Public Schools are not eligible to apply. The deadline for applications is May 7, 2003. Approximately \$1.4 million is available. Applications can only be obtained from the Office of Research and Analysis (ORA), One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 400 South, Washington,

DC 20001. A Pre-Application Conference will be held on April 8, 2003, from 3:30-5:00 pm at 941 N. Capitol St., NE, 4th floor, Training Room A, Washington, DC 20002. For additional information, please call ORA at (202) 727-7775.

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The DC Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are still available at http://opgd.dc.gov/info/grant/funding_grants/index.shtml for the following notices:

The DC Department of Mental Health, Increasing Emergency Preparedness of the District of Columbia-Expanding Mental Health Preparedness to Respond to Disaster, due April 1, 2003, at 4:30pm.

The Department of Health (DOH)/Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA)/Office of Prevention and Youth Services (OPYS), Youth Substance Abuse Prevention, due April 17, 2003.

Foundation Opportunities

Children and Youth. *The Salomon Family Foundation* supports programs that focus on the treatment of child-abuse victims and their families, with special emphasis on sexual abuse. Proposed programs should present innovative approaches to the problem of child abuse or reach families in which abuse tends to remain hidden. Special preference will be given to programs that focus on the treatment of all family members. Eligible applicants include organizations that provide services related to the treatment of abused children and their families. Letters of inquiry are due April 30, 2003, and should be mailed electronically to Lydia Kurchin, Co-chair of the Foundation Grant Committee, at lkurchin@aol.com. If email is not an option, a hard copy of the letter should be sent to Ms. Kurchin via mail at: Salomon Family Foundation, 254 Park Avenue South, 8C New York, NY 10010. Grants of up to \$150,000 for one- or two-year programs are available. For more information, see: <http://www.fdncenter.org/grantmaker/salomon/proposals.html>.

Community Health. *The Candle Foundation* supports organizations working in community

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investment, education and information dissemination, hunger and homelessness, medical research, and preventive health services. Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) organizations. Some preference will be given to organizations in areas where the Candle Corporation has offices. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2003. Grants range from \$1,000-\$10,000. For more information, contact Marti Mossawir, Community-Relations Manager, Candle Foundation, 100 North Sepulveda Boulevard, El Segundo, CA 90245; (310) 727-4041; candle_foundation@candle.com; or go to: <http://www.candle.com>.

Education. *The Braitmayer Foundation* supports change in academic curriculums and schools, as well as professional-development opportunities for teachers of kindergarten through 12th grade. Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) organizations. The deadline for applications is June 30, 2003. Grants range from \$10,000-\$35,000. For more information, contact Robert L. Kirkpatrick Jr., Braitmayer Foundation, Middlesex Corporate Center, 213 Court Street, Suite 1101, Middletown, CT 06457-3351; (860) 638-5026; fax (860) 638-5069; or go to: <http://www.braitmayerfoundation.org/guid.htm>.

Environmental Action. *The Fund for Wild Nature* supports: efforts to save native species and wild ecosystems; wilderness defense; protecting biodiversity and ecosystem integrity; teaching the action-based ethics of biocentrism; efforts to reduce human population growth and commodity consumption; cultural arts that transform awareness and encourage action; and exposing and opposing the anti-ecological, anti-wilderness 'wise use' agenda. The Fund is interested in projects premised on effective and intelligent biocentric strategies, on issues that do not receive adequate national attention, and may not be fundable through mainstream sources. All proposals must be highly cost-effective. Most grants are awarded to organizations with small budgets - less than \$250,000 annually. The deadline for applications is May 30, 2003. In addition to direct financial assistance, the Fund can act as the nonprofit fiscal sponsor for groups without IRS tax-exempt status. For more information, go to: <http://www.fundwildnature.org/>.

Woman and AIDS Fund. *The Ms. Foundation for Women* supports community-based organizations that

work to support and strengthen the voices of HIV-positive women involved in determining policy and planning services to meet their needs. The leadership of the specific project must be substantially comprised of women with HIV/AIDS and must reflect and be grounded in the community in which it works. Eligible applicants include organizations that can demonstrate significant participation of women with HIV/AIDS at all levels of organizational leadership. Priority will be given to independent, women-focused organizations and programs. The Fund will only support those projects whose primary emphasis is on advocacy. The deadline for applications is May 2, 2003. The Fund provides three-year general operating and project-specific grants of \$30,000 (\$10,000 per year). For complete program and application guidelines, see: <http://www.ms.foundation.org/programs-guidelines-choices.html>.

Resources & Announcements

A Day of Understanding Cancelled. The March 20th Day of Understanding, a webcast on low health literacy, was postponed due to the military situation. It is anticipated that the events will be rescheduled for a date in early May. You can sign-up at www.AskMe3.org to be notified when a new date is selected for the event.

Free Fundraising Planning Class. *The Foundation Center* will offer an Introduction to Fundraising Planning, an overview of the process of strategically thinking through the components of a fundraising plan. Learn how to conduct an assets inventory, develop a case statement, identify fundraising partners, and prepare a fundraising plan and calendar. The session will be held on Friday, March 28th, from 9:00-10:00 am, at the Foundation Center, 1627 K Street, Third Floor, NW, Washington, DC 20006. To register, either call (202) 331-1400 or go to: <http://fdncenter.org/washington/fundplandc.html>.

Free Software for Nonprofits. *The Urban Institute* is offering free software for nonprofit organizations. *Desktop 990* version 1.16 is now available at <http://efile.form990.org> and includes everything needed to file a 2002 Form 990, 990-EZ, Schedule A, Unified Registration Statement, and dozens of related schedules and attachments. For more information,

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contact The Urban Institute at: (202) 833-7200 or paaffairs@ui.urban.org.

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).

The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) is pleased to announce the official opening of its new resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South, at the Red Line's Judiciary Square Metro Station, 4th Street exit. The GIRC will provide technical assistance that connects DC Government agencies, nonprofit and faith-based organizations to information about resources that improve community services in the city. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. **Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.**

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